

Tax Reform Study Committee

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The charge of this committee is to conduct a comprehensive examination of taxation in Montana. Specifically, the committee is required to:

- develop an inventory of taxes imposed at the state and local level,
- provide analyses that evaluate existing taxes,
- examine tax expenditures to assess the ongoing merit of each expenditure, and
- examine alternative methods of taxation from existing sources, as well as new sources of revenue, and evaluate the alternative methods and new sources according to the defined criteria.

The Tax Reform Study Committee must coordinate its work with the Property Tax Reappraisal Study Committee. Written reports must be submitted to the Legislature by December 1, 2004, that must include recommendations and proposed legislation, if legislation is considered necessary.

Membership

The committee must include:

- four senators, two from each political party, appointed by the Committee on Committees;
- four representatives, two appointed by the Speaker and two appointed by the minority leader; and
- the following members appointed by the Governor:
 - one representative of small business;
 - one representative of large industry;
 - one representative of agriculture; and
 - one representative of labor.

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